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DECLARATION AND VERIFIED TRANSLATION

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Sir:

I, Yasuhito SUZUKI, a Japanese Patent Attorney registered No. 10428 having my business office at Ginza First Bldg., 10-6, Ginza 1-chome, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 104-0061 Japan, hereby declare and say:

that I am thoroughly conversant with both the Japanese and English languages; and, that the attached document represents a true English translation of United States Patent Application as filed in accordance with 37 CFR Section 1.52(d) in the Japanese language on July 9, 2003 which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **Optical Amplification Module, Optical Amplification Apparatus, and Optical Communications system**

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